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MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

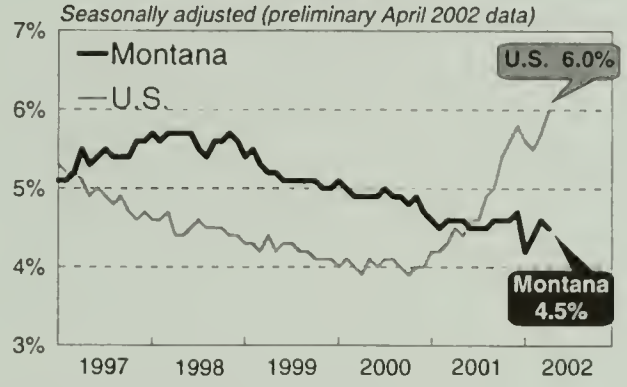
Not seasonally adjusted

	April 2001	April 2002*
UNITED STATES	4.2%	5.7%
MONTANA	4.6%	4.5%
Cascade **	4.2%	4.2%
Missoula **	3.7%	3.6%
Yellowstone **	2.9%	3.2%
Beaverhead	3.8%	3.1%
Big Horn	13.4%	13.4%
Blaine	5.2%	6.4%
Broadwater	4.3%	3.2%
Carbon	4.1%	4.3%
Carter	1.6%	2.1%
Chouteau	2.9%	2.7%
Custer	3.3%	2.8%
Daniels	3.7%	3.9%
Dawson	2.4%	2.6%
Deer Lodge	6.6%	5.8%
Fallon	2.8%	3.7%
Fergus	6.0%	4.3%
Flathead	6.7%	6.3%
Gallatin	2.7%	2.8%
Garfield	1.8%	3.1%
Glacier	11.2%	8.7%
Golden Valley	2.9%	4.9%
Granite	10.0%	10.7%
Hill	3.7%	3.6%
Jefferson	4.1%	4.0%
Judith Basin	4.2%	3.9%
Lake	9.4%	8.3%
Lewis & Clark	4.1%	4.0%
Liberty	2.3%	2.1%
Lincoln	15.2%	14.0%
McCone	3.8%	1.6%
Madison	3.8%	4.1%
Meagher	7.5%	6.7%
Mineral	9.8%	10.2%
Musselshell	4.7%	6.8%
Park	5.5%	4.8%
Petroleum	3.3%	3.1%
Phillips	5.3%	5.2%
Pondera	3.6%	4.2%
Powder River	1.1%	2.3%
Powell	6.0%	6.1%
Prairie	5.5%	3.4%
Ravalli	4.3%	4.4%
Richland	6.4%	6.0%
Roosevelt	7.6%	6.8%
Rosebud	7.1%	5.3%
Sanders	10.0%	10.3%
Sheridan	2.8%	3.5%
Silver Bow	4.8%	4.9%
Stillwater	3.0%	3.1%
Sweet Grass	1.8%	3.3%
Teton	3.1%	3.3%
Toole	2.7%	2.3%
Treasure	3.2%	3.6%
Valley	3.2%	3.5%
Wheatland	3.8%	6.0%
Wibaux	2.6%	4.3%

**April 2002 rate preliminary*
*** Cascade=Great Falls MSA*
Missoula= Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

April 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

Unemployment



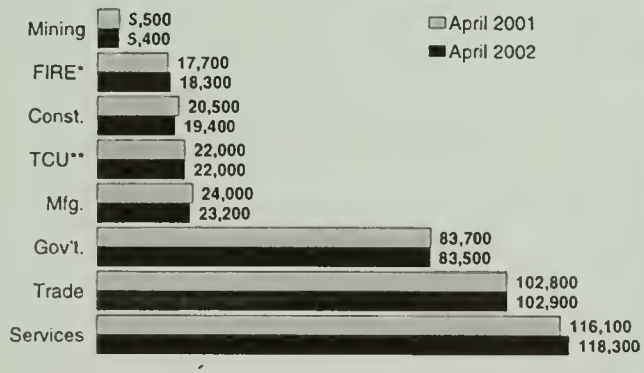
Montana's April unemployment rate of 4.5 percent was 1.5 percentage points below the national rate of 6.0 percent.

Earnings

Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 1.9 percent over the year in April, outpacing U.S. inflation of 1.6 percent.

Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



*Finance/Insurance/Real Estate **Transportation/Communications/Utilities

Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 700 jobs (0.2 percent) over the year.

- Services was up about 2,200 jobs.
- Construction was down about 1,100 jobs.
- Manufacturing was down approximately 800 jobs.

2000 CENSUS

Educational attainment

The 2000 Census reports the following educational attainment information for Montana:

- Less than 9th grade: 4.3%
- 9th-12th grade, no diploma: 8.6%
- High school graduate, including GED: 31.3%
- Some college, no degree: 25.6%
- Associate degree: 5.9%
- Bachelor's degree: 17.2%
- Graduate or professional degree: 7.2%

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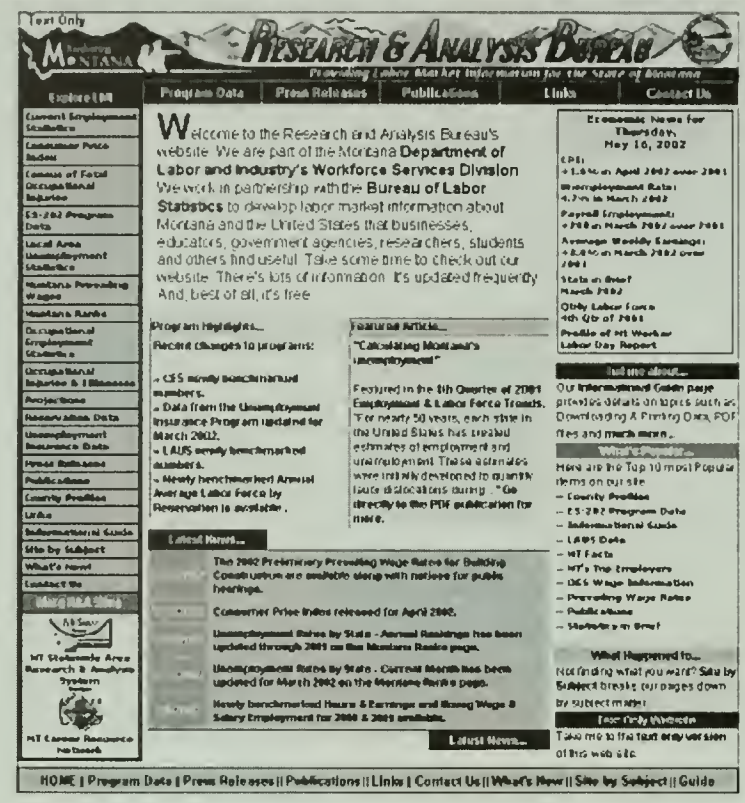
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